Cooperation within the Context of the National Response for the Syrian Crisis
2012 - Lebanon

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- PLAN for the provision of comprehensive RH services, integrated into Primary Health Care (PHC), as the situation permits

Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)
Rape and sexual violence are critical and disastrous incidents affecting women during conflicts. The role of ObGyn is essential in identifying and managing those cases, with the help of CMR guidelines. CMR objectives:

- Increase skills for responding in a sensitive and holistic way to survivors of violence.
- Establish system for the proper management of the Sexual and Gender based Violence in health facilities (establish referral pathway)
- Establish link between the health centers and women societies for psychosocial support to the cases of the sexual and gender based violence.
- Increase knowledge of the legal rights of survivors of rape.

GBV both reflects and reinforces inequities between men and women and compromises the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims. It encompasses a wide range of human rights violations, including sexual abuse of children, rape, domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, trafficking of women and girls and several harmful traditional practices. Any one of these abuses can leave deep psychological scars, damage the health of women and girls in general, including their reproductive and sexual health, and in some instances, results in death.

Don't forget to attend the MISP session (45 min) Friday November 16th at Mistral I (Level 7) at 15h15